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SUBJ: BILATERAL BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND VASCO

GONCALVES

REFS: STATE 115959; STATE 115914

- 1. I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES SOONEST TO DELIVER INVITATION FOR BILATERAL.
- 2. CALLED LAST NIGHT ON ACTING FONMIN CAMPINOS TO ADVISE HIM IN ADVANCE OF PURPOSE OF MY CALL ON VASCO GONCALVES. HE WAS CERTAIN VASCO GONCALVES WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION FOR 1530 ON MAY 29. THOUGHT MELO ANTUNES WOULD ALSO ATTEND SESSION.
- 3. WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY SUBJECTS WHICH COULD COME UP. CAMPINOS THOUGHT SOME DISCUSSION OF EVOLUTION OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. I THOUGHT GOP VIEWS ON DECOLONIZATION WOULD BE OF INTEREST. TOLD CAMPINOS I WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY PUZZLED BY CONTRADICTION BETWEEN GOP PROFESSION OF "NEUTRALIST" FOREIGN POLICY AND MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, AND PERHAPS THIS ISSUE COULD COME UP. CAMPINOS SMILED AND ADMITTED THE CONTRADICTION. HE SAID "THESE ARE JUST WORDS."
- 4. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT CAMPINOS IS CONFIDENTIAL

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A SOARES PROTEGE AND WAS EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEW, AL-

THOUGH I SUSPECT THAT MELO ANTUNES DOES NOT TAKE NEUTRALISM AS SERIOUSLY AS HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS SEEM TO INDICATE.

GONCALVES, HOWEVER, IS ANOTHER MATTER, AND HE WILL MOST LIKELY LAUNCH OUT ON LONG JUSTIFICATION IF THIS QUESTION IS POSED TO HIM.

5. CAMPINOS INDICATED MELO ANTUNES PROBABLY WOULD NOT RAISE AZORES, BUT THOUGHT VASCO GONCALVES COULD CONCEIVABLY BRING IT UP ON HIS OWN PERSONAL INITIATIVE. CARLUCCI

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